

## The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Communities Health Care Assessment

The questions included in this assessment are designed to help you look more closely at issues regarding health care in your community as you enter the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We encourage you to visit Project Rosie where you can access additional information regarding the community planning process.

We express our appreciation to Robert Sherwood from the Utah Department of Health for serving as our team leader in developing the Health Care Assessment. If you have questions about Health Care which are not answered here or recommendations for this assessment, feel free to contact him by email at [hlhsi.bsherwoo@email.state.ut.us](mailto:hlhsi.bsherwoo@email.state.ut.us)

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### Part 1: A 21st Century Committee has an effective Community Health Committee.

Question	Performance: Rate Yourself 1 - 5 (low to high)	Importance: Rate Yourself 1 - 5 (low to high)	✓ to include in 21 <sup>st</sup> Plan
Does the Community Health Committee include representation from most, if not all, population sectors of the community? <i>(The composition might include representation from various socio-economic consumer groups, including minorities such as seasonal and migrant farm/ranch workers, various religious affiliations, those afflicted with chronic illnesses, business community, and local government, etc.)</i>			

Does the Community Health Committee include representation from most, if not all, sectors of health care community? <i>(The composition might include representatives from public health, hospital, nursing home, home health care, dental health, mental health, primary care clinicians, emergency medical services, physical therapy, outreach workers, etc.)</i>			
Have the chair and members of the Community Health Committee received leadership and planning training as pertains the community health field?			

**Part 2:** A 21st Century Community has conducted a comprehensive community health needs assessment.

Question	Performance: Rate Yourself 1 - 5 (low to high)	Importance: Rate Yourself 1 - 5 (low to high)	✓ to include in 21 <sup>st</sup> Plan
Has the Community Health Committee looked into what resources might assist them with a community health needs assessment?			
Has the Community Health Committee looked at examples of health needs assessments which may have been completed by other communities?			
Has the Community Health Committee communicated with the local health department and other health-related organizations to collect current of past work on various health project and initiatives which could be captured and used in developing a health needs assessment?			
Is the Community Health Committee aware of <i>Essential Health Care Services: Assessment of Rural and Frontier Utah ?</i> (available from the Utah Department of Health's Bureau of Primary Care and Rural Health Services at 801-538-6113)			
Does your health needs assessment address the community's need for primary ambulatory care?			
Does your health needs assessment address the community's need for emergency medical services?			

Does your health needs assessment address the community's need for maternal and child services?			
Does your health needs assessment address the community's need for basic diagnostic services?			
Does your health needs assessment address the community's need for hospital services?			
Does your health needs assessment address the community's need for dental care?			
Does your health needs assessment address the community's need for pharmacy services?			
Does your health needs assessment address the community's need for mental health/substance abuse services?			
Does your health needs assessment address the community's need for home health services?			
Does your health needs assessment address the community's need for long term care?			
Is the broad-based Community Health Committee satisfied with the community health assessment tool? Is there a consensus that the tool will address the communities issues?			
Has the Community Health Committee carefully examined and analyzed the findings of the community health assessment, and prepared written findings?			

**Part 3: A 21st Century Community has developed and shared a Community Health Plan for improving the community's health, and the communities health system and other variables that impacts the health of the community.**

Question	Performance: Rate Yourself 1 - 5 (low to high)	Importance: Rate Yourself 1 - 5 (low to high)	✓ to include in 21 <sup>st</sup> Plan
Does the Community Health Plan include: --an analysis and results of the community health needs assessment? --highest priorities among all the identified problems and challenges? --an action plan or agenda for making needed changes with regard to the high priorities? --a procedure and designated time to review progress on the action plan at least once or twice a year? --a procedure and designated time for updating and revising the plan over time?			
Does the Community Health Committee know about the possible resource options that are available locally? <i>(For example, there is the Optional Up to 1 Percent Local Sales Tax, the ability to create a Special Health Care Districts, and grant and low interest loans from state mineral lease funds.)</i>			
Does the Community Health Committee know about and understand the available health care resources and programs outside the community that might assist them with their goals?			
Does the Community Health Committee have links and has the committee secured assistance, as needed, from local, regional, and state resources?			
Does the Action Plan include a statement of what is to be done by when with a timetable? Does it identify a responsible person(s) and/or organization(s)? Does it identify costs and local, regional, and state resources?			
Does the Community Health Committee and the community as a whole support the Community Health Plan?			

Does the 21st Century Community have electronic and personal interactions, and communication with resource networks inside and outside the community?			
Does the Action Plan acknowledge and use the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) directed telecommunication discount program for Internet access, e-mail, and telehealth applications? Have health applications of telecommunications been coordinated with what the community's libraries and schools are doing?			

**Part 4: A 21st Century Community has implemented its plan for high priority problems or opportunities.**

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What has been accomplished relative to the Community Health Plan's Action Plan component?			
How is progress and success measured or determined?			
What follow up steps are now needed to maintain progress?			
What new problems and/or opportunities are addressed next?			
Are there plans to update and revise the Community Health Plan?			